



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://lgsc.lacounty.gov>**

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-5233)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Mark Burman, 1st Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta,
2nd Vice Chairperson Jess Talamantes, Commissioner Barry Waite,
Commissioner Rodrigo Guerra Jr., Commissioner Tyler Kelley,
Commissioner Jules Bagneris III and Commissioner Jesse Gabriel

Call to Order. (13-4998)

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Burman at 9:10 a.m.

**Commissioners Guerra and Waite joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m. and
9:24 a.m. respectively.**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the Minutes of September 10, 2013. (13-4999)

**On motion of 1st Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, seconded by 2nd Vice
Chairperson Jess Talamantes, and unanimously carried, the minutes of
September 10, 2013 were approved.**

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Chair's report on various items for the month of November 2013. (13-5115)

**Chairperson Burman announced that the Local Governmental Services
Commission will host a holiday lunch immediately following its
December 3, 2013 meeting.**

III. PRESENTATIONS

3. Follow-up presentation titled, "A Sustainable Solid Waste System." An overview on the Role of the Department of Public Works (Continued from the meeting of April 2, 2013).

Pat Proano, Assistant Deputy Director
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Environmental Programs
(13-4157)

Mr. Pat Proano, Assistant Deputy Director, Department of Public Works (DPW), presented a follow-up PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Conversion Technologies as part of a Sustainable Solid Waste System" (SSWS). The presentation was specifically designed to provide an overview of the following:

- **County Conversion Technology (CT) Efforts**
- **2013 CT Legislation: Assembly Bill 1126 and Senate Bill 804**
- **SB 804 Vetoed**
- **Long-Term Strategy: CT's Role in Long-Term Sustainability**
- **Innovation in Los Angeles County**
- **CTs as Part of Overall Disposal Capacity**

Mr. Proano also reported on the closure of the largest landfill in Puente Hills located in Los Angeles (LA) County. This landfill collected 1/3 of the waste in LA County and it is unlikely that another like it will open in the future. As a replacement, the County will transport waste to Riverside, San Bernardino and Simi Valley. Due to the Board of Supervisors' recommendation to develop alternatives to manage solid waste, DPW has formed a small group of engineers to strategize ways to incorporate conversion techniques into LA County.

Christopher Sheppard, Civil Engineer, DPW, added that one of the provisions of SB 715 is that the existing facilities will have to convert and upgrade to a more efficient technology by the year 2045. Also, they need to be equipped to process as much material as is being processed currently. He further reported that because of the difficulty in obtaining renewable portfolio credits, the solution will be to convert fuel for renewable federal fuel credits and also qualify for funding from the low carbon fuel standard in California.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Waite recommended the formation of a subcommittee to further examine the SSWS.

On motion of 1st Vice Chairperson Bob Achuleta, seconded by Commissioner Barry Waite and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the formation of a subcommittee to further review the SSWS. Commissioners Waite, Bagneris III, and Guerra Jr. volunteered to be members of the subcommittee.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

- 4.** An update regarding the reduction of homeless veterans since the implementation of the Home for Good program; An initiative of the United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

Zahirah Mann, Program Officer, Housing Stability
United Way of Greater Los Angeles (13-5117)

Zahirah Mann, Program Officer, Housing Stability, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, presented an update on homeless veterans in Los Angeles County. Ms. Mann reported that since the January 2013 "Point in Time" count, there are 58,000 homeless individuals countywide; 14,000 of them are chronically homeless and 7,000 are veterans (a 2,000 reduction from the 9,000 homeless veterans' count reported in 2011).

Supportive Services for Veteran Family's (SSVF) is one of the many resources and programs that have aided in the homeless reduction process. SSVF provides support services for low income veterans; assist with outreach, case management, and obtaining veteran resources. Another resource is the Housing Urban Development (HUD), which provides housing choice vouchers for rental assistance that is linked with case management and clinical services provided by Veteran Affairs. Both programs have been very keen due to the reduction of Federal programs, including Section 8, which limited the ability to use the rental assistance programs.

Home for Good has also increased its focus on maximizing resources and using them efficiently. Home for Good has been working with a group called "Fundors Collaborative" which consists of private and public funders who utilize resources to invest in the issue of ending chronic and veteran homelessness. Through this program, about 1,300 clients will be housed this year and 400 of them are veterans.

Another focus of the program is to reduce the amount of time it currently takes to process a homeless individual into a home and also to reduce the lengthy steps in the process. To meet this objective, Home for Good partnered with “100,000 Homes” to conduct a boot camp study. At the end of the study, the processing time was reduced 168 days to 100 days; and the steps were reduced from 47 to 18.

Additionally, Home for Good launched a coordinated entry system pilot program which was a collaboration of 14 organizations to coordinate an outreach to administer one universal assessment tool. This pilot program was initiated due to the large amount of applications and the difficulties that was faced by the program when trying to move individuals from the streets to homes. As a result of this pilot, 37 clients were housed in as little as nine (9) days. This program is now being expanded to other parts of the County.

After a brief discussion and applause from the Commission for the excellent work of the Home for Good program staff, 1st Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta made a motion to form a subcommittee to study the trend of homeless veterans and homelessness in general throughout Los Angeles County. Seconded by Commissioner Jesse Gabriel and unanimously carried, the motion was approved and the subcommittee was formed. 1st Vice Chairperson Archuleta, 2nd Vice Chairperson Talamantes and Commissioner Gabriel volunteered to be members of the subcommittee.

5. Presentation on “Increase Ridership in Public Transportation in Los Angeles County.”

Ways to increase ridership
Increase revenue
Reduce traffic

Patricia Soto, Government Relations Director
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) (13-5121)

Conan Cheung, Deputy Executive Officer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), distributed a handout entitled “Transit Choice Influences” that highlighted the following:

PUSH

- Influencing travel mode decision by:
- Congestion pricing

- **Parking restrictions**
- **Parking fees**
- **Fuel taxes**
- **Car registration fees**
- **Car purchase taxes**
- **Transit oriented development**

PULL

- **Attracting passengers to public transit by:**
- **Fast, predictable service**
- **High service levels**
- **Full service spans**
- **Easy, reliable transfers**
- **Comprehensive network of services**
- **Attractive pricing**
- **Comfortable, clean vehicles**
- **Comfortable, clean wait areas**
- **High levels of information**
- **Safe and secure**

After a brief discussion, Mr. Cheung answered questions posed by the Commission.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

6. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-5000)

Commissioner Waite recommended that staff place on the next meeting agenda a discussion regarding a possible change in the current meeting time.

Public Comment

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-5001)

Nicholas Kfoury was present to request an update from the Commission regarding the issues he is facing concerning his

Southern California Edison Bill.

Chair Burman informed him that the Commission made inquiries and was advised to direct Mr. Kfoury to the Utilities Commission. Per the Chair's direction, staff will provide the contact information via email.

Adjournment

- 8. Adjournment for the meeting of November 5, 2013. (13-5113)**

There being no further business, Chairperson Burman adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.